

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2028, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (the legislative vehicle for the continuing resolution).

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 612, Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6931–S7168

Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and ten resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3537–3548, and S. Res. 633–642. **Pages S7031–32**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2017”. (S. Rept. No. 114–405)

Report to accompany S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer’s Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism. (S. Rept. No. 114–397)

Report to accompany S. 1403, to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to promote sustainable conservation and management for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic fisheries and the communities that rely on them. (S. Rept. No. 114–398)

S. 3038, to reauthorize the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–399)

Report to accompany S. 1685, to direct the Federal Communications Commission to extend to private land use restrictions its rule relating to reasonable accommodation of amateur service communications. (S. Rept. No. 114–400)

Report to accompany S. 2283, to ensure that small business providers of broadband Internet access service can devote resources to broadband deploy-

ment rather than compliance with cumbersome regulatory requirements. (S. Rept. No. 114–401)

Report to accompany S. 2829, to amend and enhance certain maritime programs of the Department of Transportation. (S. Rept. No. 114–402)

Report to accompany S. 2609, to amend the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national voluntary labeling standard for bioengineered foods. (S. Rept. No. 114–403)

S. 2920, to amend the Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Indian Law Enforcement Reform Act to provide for advancements in public safety services to Indian communities, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 114–404)

S. 236, to amend the Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010 to create an expedited procedure to enact recommendations of the Government Accountability Office for consolidation and elimination to reduce duplication, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1378, to strengthen employee cost savings suggestions programs within the Federal Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 1607, to affirm the authority of the President to require independent regulatory agencies to comply with regulatory analysis requirements applicable to executive agencies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2834, to improve the Governmentwide management of unnecessarily duplicative Government

programs and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2972, to amend title 31, United States Code, to provide transparency and require certain standards in the award of Federal grants, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7031**

Measures Passed:

Correct the Enrollment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 183, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a correction in the enrollment of the bill S. 612. **Pages S7004–05**

Correct the Enrollment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 179, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make certain corrections in the enrollment of S. 2943. **Page S7102**

Arsenal Installation: Committee on Armed Services was discharged from further consideration of S. 3336, to provide installation reutilization authority for arsenals, depots, and plants, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7102–03**

Boozman (for Ernst) Amendment No. 5128, relating to installation reutilization authority. **Page S7102**

Boozman (for Ernst) Amendment No. 5129, to amend the title. **Page S7102**

Geographic Targeting Orders: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5602, to amend title 31, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to include all funds when issuing certain geographic targeting orders, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7103**

Boozman (for Shelby/Brown) Amendment No. 5127, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7103**

Special Warfare Operator Master Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Louis 'Lou' J. Langlais Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 3218, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1221 State Street, Suite 12, Santa Barbara, California, as the "Special Warfare Operator Master Chief Petty Officer (SEAL) Louis 'Lou' J. Langlais Post Office Building". **Page S7103**

Richard Allen Cable Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 4887, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 23323 Shelby Road in Shelby, Indiana, as the "Richard Allen Cable Post Office". **Page S7103**

Leonard Montalto Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5150, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3031 Veterans Road West in Staten Island, New York, as the "Leonard Montalto Post Office Building". **Page S7103**

Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5309, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 401 McElroy Drive in Oxford, Mississippi, as the "Army First Lieutenant Donald C. Carwile Post Office Building". **Page S7103**

E. Marie Youngblood Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5356, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14231 TX-150 in Coldspring, Texas, as the "E. Marie Youngblood Post Office". **Page S7103**

Zapata Veterans Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 5591, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 810 N U.S. Highway 83 in Zapata, Texas, as the "Zapata Veterans Post Office". **Page S7103**

Officer Joseph P. Cali Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5676, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6300 N. Northwest Highway in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Officer Joseph P. Cali Post Office Building". **Page S7103**

Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5798, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1101 Davis Street in Evanston, Illinois, as the "Abner J. Mikva Post Office Building". **Page S7103**

Segundo T. Sablan and CNMI Fallen Military Heroes Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5889, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Chalan Kanoa VLG in Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, as the "Segundo T. Sablan and CNMI Fallen Military Heroes Post Office Building". **Page S7103**

Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy: Senate passed S. 8, to provide for the approval of the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy. **Pages S7103–04**

PACT Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1831, to revise section 48 of title 18, United States Code, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7104**

Boozman (for Toomey) Amendment No. 5169, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7104**

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3842, to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

to provide training to first responders, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7104**

Boozman (for Perdue) Amendment No. 5171, relating to opportunities for small business participation. **Pages S7104–06**

Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers Reform and Improvement Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 2781, to improve homeland security, including domestic preparedness and response to terrorism, by reforming Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers to provide training to first responders, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7104–06**

Boozman (for Perdue) Amendment No. 5170, relating to travel compensation. **Pages S7104–06**

GAO Mandates Revision Act: Senate passed H.R. 5687, to eliminate or modify certain mandates of the Government Accountability Office. **Page S7106**

Marine Debris Act Amendments: Senate passed S. 3086, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7106–07**

Boozman (for Sullivan) Amendment No. 5172, to authorize the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to assist with cleanup and response required by severe marine debris events. **Pages S7106–07**

Department of Veterans Affairs Bonus Transparency Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3112, to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7108**

Daniel L. Kinnard VA Clinic: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 960, to designate the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic in Newark, Ohio, as the Daniel L. Kinnard VA Clinic, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7108**

Apollo 11 50th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: Senate passed H.R. 2726, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the first manned landing on the moon. **Page S7108**

SEC Small Business Advocate Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was dis-

charged from further consideration of H.R. 3784, to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to establish an Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation and a Small Business Capital Formation Advisory Committee, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7108**

Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4618, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 121 Spring Street SE in Gainesville, Georgia, as the "Sidney Oslin Smith, Jr. Federal Building and United States Courthouse", and the bill was then passed. **Page S7108**

Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5065, to direct the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration to notify air carriers and security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration of such Administration's guidelines regarding permitting baby formula, breast milk, purified deionized water, and juice on airplanes, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S7108–09**

United States-Israel Advanced Research Partnership Act: Senate passed H.R. 5877, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the United States-Israel Strategic Partnership Act of 2014 to promote cooperative homeland security research and antiterrorism programs relating to cybersecurity. **Page S7109**

National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day: Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 335, supporting the goals and ideals of National Aviation Maintenance Technician Day, honoring the invaluable contributions of Charles Edward Taylor, regarded as the father of aviation maintenance, and recognizing the essential role of aviation maintenance technicians in ensuring the safety and security of civil and military aircraft, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S7109**

Increasing the Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability to Veterans Act: Senate passed S. 290, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the accountability of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7109**

Boozman (for Moran) Amendment No. 5173, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7109**

Jeff Miller and Richard Blumenthal Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 6416, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Pages S7109–21

Combat-Injured Veterans Tax Fairness Act: Senate passed H.R. 5015, to restore amounts improperly withheld for tax purposes from severance payments to individuals who retired or separated from service in the Armed Forces for combat-related injuries.

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Commemorating the Bicentennial of the State of Indiana: Senate agreed to S. Res. 635, recognizing and commemorating the bicentennial of the State of Indiana.

Page S7121

National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 636, designating the week of December 4 through December 10, 2016, as “National Nurse-Managed Health Clinic Week”.

Page S7121

Tragic Fire in Oakland, California: Senate agreed to S. Res. 637, honoring the individuals who lost their lives in the tragic fire in Oakland, California, on December 2, 2016.

Page S7121

National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 638, recognizing the 75th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor and the lasting significance of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

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Wreaths Across America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 639, designating December 17, 2016, as “Wreaths Across America Day”.

Page S7121

Recognizing the Death of John Glenn: Senate agreed to S. Res. 640, recognizing the death of John Glenn, former Senator for the State of Ohio and the first individual from the United States to orbit the Earth.

Pages S7122–23

70-year Reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 57, honoring in praise and remembrance the extraordinary life, steady leadership, and remarkable, 70-year reign of King Bhumibol Adulyadej of Thailand, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Portman (for Hatch) Amendment No. 5174, to make a correction.

Page S7123

Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act: Senate passed H.R. 1150, to amend the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 to improve the ability of the United States to advance religious freedom globally through enhanced diplomacy, training, counterterrorism, and foreign assistance efforts,

and through stronger and more flexible political responses to religious freedom violations and violent extremism worldwide, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7123–27

Portman (for Corker) Amendment No. 5175, in the nature of a substitute.

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Portman (for Corker) Amendment No. 5176 (to Amendment No. 5175), to clarify religious freedom training requirements for Foreign Service officers.

Pages S7123–27

Encouraging Reunions of Divided Korean American Families: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 40, encouraging reunions of divided Korean American families.

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United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act: Senate passed H.R. 4939, to increase engagement with the governments of the Caribbean region, the Caribbean diaspora community in the United States, and the private sector and civil society in both the United States and the Caribbean, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

Pages S7127–28

Portman (for Corker) Amendment No. 5177, to revise the multi-year strategy requirement regarding diplomatic engagement with Caribbean region governments.

Page S7128

Correction in the Enrollment: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 181, directing the Secretary of the Senate to make a certain correction in the enrollment of S. 1635.

Page S7128

Faster Care for Veterans Act: Senate passed H.R. 4352, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program establishing a patient self-scheduling appointment system.

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CHIP IN for Vets Act: Senate passed H.R. 5099, to establish a pilot program on partnership agreements to construct new facilities for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Page S7128

Federal Bureau of Investigation Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 5790, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Pages S7128–30

Holocaust Expropriated Art Recovery Act: Senate passed H.R. 6130, to provide the victims of Holocaust-era persecution and their heirs a fair opportunity to recover works of art confiscated or misappropriated by the Nazis.

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Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center: Senate passed H.R. 6323, to name the Department of Veterans Affairs health care system in Long Beach, California, the “Tibor Rubin VA Medical Center”. **Page S7130**

John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System: Senate passed H.R. 6400, to revise the boundaries of certain John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System units in New Jersey. **Page S7130**

Promoting Travel, Commerce, and National Security Act: Senate passed H.R. 6431, to ensure United States jurisdiction over offenses committed by United States personnel stationed in Canada in furtherance of border security initiatives. **Page S7130**

Inspector General Empowerment Act: Senate passed H.R. 6450, to amend the Inspector General Act of 1978 to strengthen the independence of the Inspectors General. **Pages S7130–31**

Federal Property Management Reform Act: Senate passed H.R. 6451, to improve the Government-wide management of Federal property. **Page S7131**

Ensuring Access to Pacific Fisheries Act: Senate passed H.R. 6452, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean. **Page S7131**

Foreign Sovereign Immunity: Senate passed H.R. 6477, to amend chapter 97 of title 28, United States Code, to clarify the exception to foreign sovereign immunity set forth in section 1605(a)(3) of such title. **Page S7131**

Overtime Pay for Secret Service Agents Act: Senate passed H.R. 6302, to provide an increase in premium pay for United States Secret Service agents performing protective services during 2016, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S7131–32**

Portman (for Johnson) Amendment No. 5178, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7131**

Portman (for Johnson) Amendment No. 5179, to amend the title. **Pages S7131–32**

Marine Lance Corporal Squire ‘Skip’ Wells Post Office Building: Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5612, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2886 Sandy Plains Road in Marietta, Georgia, as the “Marine Lance Corporal Squire ‘Skip’ Wells Post Office Building”, and the bill was then passed. **Page S7132**

OPEN Government Data Act: Senate passed S. 2852, to expand the Government’s use and adminis-

tration of data to facilitate transparency, effective governance, and innovation, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7132–35**

Federal Assets Sale and Transfer Act: Senate passed H.R. 4465, to decrease the deficit by consolidating and selling Federal buildings and other civilian real property. **Page S7135**

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Transition Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 3346, to authorize the programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7135–44**

Portman (for Cruz/Nelson) Amendment No. 5180, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7144**

200th Anniversary of the Committee on the Judiciary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 641, celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate. **Page S7144**

Jonathan ‘J.D.’ De Guzman Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 5948, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 830 Kuhn Drive in Chula Vista, California, as the “Jonathan ‘J.D.’ De Guzman Post Office Building”. **Page S7144**

U.S. Naval Construction Battalion “Seabees” Fallen Heroes Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6138, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 560 East Pleasant Valley Road, Port Hueneme, California, as the U.S. Naval Construction Battalion “Seabees” Fallen Heroes Post Office Building. **Page S7144**

Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building: Senate passed H.R. 6282, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2024 Jerome Avenue, in Bronx, New York, as the “Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr. Post Office Building”. **Page S7144**

Adolfo ‘Harpo’ Celaya Post Office: Senate passed H.R. 6304, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 501 North Main Street in Florence, Arizona, as the “Adolfo ‘Harpo’ Celaya Post Office”. **Page S7144**

Social Security Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of S. 1168, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to preserve access to rehabilitation innovation centers under the Medicare program, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7144–45**

Portman (for Kirk) Amendment No. 5181, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7145**

Post-9/11 Educational Assistance: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 3021, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the use of Post-9/11 Educational Assistance to pursue independent study programs at certain educational institutions that are not institutions of higher learning, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7145**

Portman (for Inhofe/Blumenthal) Amendment No. 5182, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7145**

Essential Transportation Worker Identification Credential Assessment Act: Senate passed H.R. 710, to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to prepare a comprehensive security assessment of the transportation security card program, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7145–47**

Portman (for Thune) Amendment No. 5183, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7146–47**

TIRES Act: Senate passed S. 1776, to enhance tribal road safety, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7147–49**

Portman (for Barrasso) Amendment No. 5184, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S7148–49**

Cross-Border Trade Enhancement Act: Senate passed H.R. 875, to provide for alternative financing arrangements for the provision of certain services and the construction and maintenance of infrastructure at land border ports of entry. **Page S7149**

Endangered Species Act of 1973: Senate passed H.R. 4245, to exempt exportation of certain echinoderms and mollusks from licensing requirements under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S7149**

Portman (for King) Amendment No. 5185, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7149**

Authorizing Taking Pictures and Filming: Senate agreed to S. Res. 642, authorizing taking pictures and filming in the Senate Chamber, the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol, and Senate Office Buildings for production of a film and a book on the history of the Senate. **Page S7149**

American Innovation and Competitiveness Act: Senate passed S. 3084, to invest in innovation through research and development, and to improve the competitiveness of the United States, after withdrawing the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S7149–67**

Portman (for Gardner/Peters) Amendment No. 5186, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S7167**

National Park Service Centennial Act: Senate passed H.R. 4680, to prepare the National Park Service for its Centennial in 2016 and for a second century of promoting and protecting the natural, historic, and cultural resources of our National Parks for the enjoyment of present and future generations. **Page S7167**

House Messages:

Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act: By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 161), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2028, making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6932–95**

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5139, to change the enactment date. **Pages S6933, S6994**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 61 yeas to 38 nays (Vote No. 160), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S6994**

McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Appropriations, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5141, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Pages S6933, S6944**

McConnell Amendment No. 5142 (the instructions (Amendment No. 5141) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill fell. **Pages S6933, S6944**

McConnell Amendment No. 5143 (to Amendment No. 5142), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 5142 (the instructions (Amendment No. 5141) of the motion to refer) fell. **Pages S6933, S6944**

McConnell Amendment No. 5140 (to Amendment No. 5139), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5139 was withdrawn. **Pages S6933, S6994**

Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act: By 78 yeas to 21 nays (Vote No. 163), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6995–98, S7000–04**

Withdrawn:

McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5144, to change the enactment date. **Page S7004**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 69 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. 162), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill.

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McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill to the Committee on Environment and Public Works, with instructions, McConnell Amendment No. 5146, to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill. **Pages S6995, S7004**

McConnell Amendment No. 5147 (the instructions (Amendment No. 5146) of the motion to refer), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to refer the message of the House on the bill fell. **Pages S6995, S7004**

McConnell Amendment No. 5148 (to Amendment No. 5147), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 5147 (the instructions (Amendment No. 5146) of the motion to refer) fell. **Pages S6995, S7004**

McConnell Amendment No. 5145 (to Amendment No. 5144), of a perfecting nature, fell when McConnell motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the bill, with McConnell Amendment No. 5144 was withdrawn. **Pages S6995, S7004**

RESPONSE Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 546, to establish the Railroad Emergency Services Preparedness, Operational Needs, and Safety Evaluation (RESPONSE) Subcommittee under the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s National Advisory Council to provide recommendations on emergency responder training and resources relating to hazardous materials incidents involving railroads. **Page S7104**

Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crimes Reauthorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2854, to reauthorize the

Emmett Till Unsolved Civil Rights Crime Act of 2007. **Page S7135**

National Urban Search and Rescue Response System Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 2971, to authorize the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System. **Page S7135**

Department of State Operations Authorization and Embassy Security Act, Fiscal Year 2016: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 1635, to authorize the Department of State for fiscal year 2016. **Page S7167**

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on International Exchange Rate Policy: The Chair announced, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 114–125, upon the recommendation of the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Finance and the Chairman and Ranking Member of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, the appointment of the following individuals to serve as members of the Advisory Committee on International Exchange Rate Policy: Mark A. Calabria of Virginia, John Cochrane of California, and Thea Lee of the District of Columbia. **Page S7102**

United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: The Chair announced, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 106–398, as amended by Public Law 108–7, and in consultation with the Chairmen of the Senate Committee on Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Finance, the re-appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the United States-China Economic Security Review Commission: Dennis Shea of Virginia, for a term beginning January 1, 2017 and expiring December 31, 2018. **Page S7102**

Authority for Committees—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the Senate’s adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Tuesday, December 20, 2016, from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. **Page S7102**

Tributes to Retiring Senators and the President of the Senate—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that there be printed as a Senate document a compilation of materials from the *Congressional Record* in tribute to retiring Members of the 114th Congress, and an additional Senate document a compilation of materials from the *Congressional Record* in tribute to President of the Senate Joe Biden, and that Members have until Tuesday, December 20, 2016 to submit such tributes. **Page S7102**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that any tributes submitted by December 20, 2016, as authorized by the order of Saturday, December 10, 2016, be printed in the January 3, 2017 *Congressional Record* of the 114th Congress.

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Authorizing Leadership to Make Appointments—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that, notwithstanding the upcoming adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, the President pro tempore, and the Majority and Minority Leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.

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Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 8:30 a.m.; Friday, December 16, 2016, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, December 20, 2016, 9:30 a.m.; Friday, December 23, 2016, 11:30 a.m.; Tuesday, December 27, 2016, 4:30 p.m.; Friday, December 30, 2016, 10 a.m.; Tuesday, January 3, 2017, 11:55 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Tuesday, January 3, 2017, it next convene at 12 noon, on the same day, pursuant to the Constitution; that following the presentation of the certificates of election and the swearing in of elected members and the required live quorum; and that following Leader remarks, Senate be in a period of morning business.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaties:

The Treaties with the Republic of Kiribati and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia on the Delimitation of Maritime Boundaries (Treaty Doc. No. 114–13);

The Arms Trade Treaty (Treaty Doc. No. 114–14); and

United Nations Convention on Transparency in Treaty-Based Investor-State Arbitration (Treaty Doc. No. 114–15).

The treaties were transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and ordered to be printed.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be an Assistant Secretary of Labor.

Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Andrew Mayock, of Illinois, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

Peggy E. Gustafson, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Mark D. Acton, of Kentucky, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2022.

Robert G. Taub, of New York, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2022.

John D. Minton, Jr., of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2019.

Ann Begeman, of South Dakota, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board for a term expiring December 31, 2020.

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—163)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 9, 2016 and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Senator John Glenn, in accordance with S. Res. 640, at 6:39 a.m. on Saturday, December 10, 2016, until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7167.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.